

CLAIMS

The original and previously presented claims are as follows:

Claims 1-32 (cancelled).

33. (Previously Presented) A user interface method for a device that is a fax machine comprising:

generating a fax machine web page within the fax machine, wherein the fax machine web page provides a set of user interface functions for the fax machine, wherein some of the user interface functions enable control functions of the fax machine; and

providing access to the fax machine web page from a web browser external to the fax machine to permit a user of the web browser to access the user interface functions for the fax machine through the device web page.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 33, wherein the step of generating a fax machine web page includes the step of generating an HTML file that defines the fax machine web page in response to an HTTP command received from the web browser.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34, wherein the HTTP command specifies a URL corresponding to the fax machine.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34, wherein the HTML file contains at least one of (1) a set of information pertaining to the fax machine, (2) a set of URLs that control a set of predetermined functions for the fax machine wherein each URL may point to a web page located internal to the fax machine, and (3) a hyperlink to an external web page that specifies additional information pertaining to the fax machine.

37. (Previously Presented) A user interface method for a device that is a video player that reads video and audio information from a storage medium, comprising:

generating a video player web page within the video player, wherein the video player web page provides a set of user interface functions for the video player, wherein some of the user interface functions enable control functions of the video player; and

providing access to the video player web page from a web browser external to the video player to permit a user of the web browser to access the user interface functions for the video player through the device web page.

38. (Previously Presented) The user interface method of claim 37 wherein the storage medium is an optical storage medium.

39. (Previously Presented) The user interface method of claim 37 wherein the storage medium is magnetic tape.

40. (Previously Presented) The user interface method of claim 37 wherein the video player is a video player/recorder that reads and writes video and audio information to an optical storage medium.

41. (Previously Presented) The user interface method of claim 37 wherein the video player is a video player/recorder that reads and writes video and audio information to a magnetic tape storage medium.

42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37, wherein the step of generating a video player web page includes the step of generating an HTML file that defines the video player web page in response to an HTTP command received from the web browser.

43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 42, wherein the HTTP command specifies a URL corresponding to the video player.

44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 42, wherein the HTML file contains at least one of (1) a set of information pertaining to the video player, (2) a set of URLs that control a set of predetermined functions for the video player wherein each URL may point to a web page located internal to the video player, and (3) a hyperlink to an external web page that specifies additional information pertaining to the video player.

45. (Previously Presented) A user interface method for a device that is a television comprising:

generating a television web page within the television, wherein the television web page provides a set of user interface functions for the television, wherein some of the user interface functions enable control functions of the television; and

providing access to the television web page from a web browser external to the television to permit a user of the web browser to access the user interface functions for the television through the device web page.

46. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 45, wherein the step of generating a television web page includes the step of generating an HTML file that defines the television web page in response to an HTTP command received from the web browser.

47. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 46, wherein the HTTP command specifies a URL corresponding to the television.

48. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 46, wherein the HTML file contains at least one of (1) a set of information pertaining to the television, (2) a set of URLs that control a set of predetermined functions for the television wherein each URL may point to a web page located internal to the television, and (3) a hyperlink to an external web page that specifies additional information pertaining to the television.

49. (Previously Presented) A user interface method for a device that is a thermostat comprising:

generating a thermostat web page within the thermostat, wherein the thermostat web page provides a set of user interface functions for the thermostat, wherein some of the user interface functions enable control functions of the thermostat; and

providing access to the thermostat web page from a web browser external to the thermostat to permit a user of the web browser to access the user interface functions for the thermostat through the device web page.

50. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 49, wherein the step of generating a thermostat web page includes the step of generating an HTML file that defines the thermostat web page in response to an HTTP command received from the web browser.

51. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 50, wherein the HTTP command specifies a URL corresponding to the thermostat.

52. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 50, wherein the HTML file contains at least one of (1) a set of information pertaining to the thermostat, (2)

a set of URLs that control a set of predetermined functions for the thermostat wherein each URL may point to a web page located internal to the thermostat, and (3) a hyperlink to an external web page that specifies additional information pertaining to the thermostat.

53. (Previously Presented) A user interface method for a device that is a refrigerator comprising:

generating a refrigerator web page within the refrigerator, wherein the refrigerator web page provides a set of user interface functions for the refrigerator, wherein some of the user interface functions enable control functions of the refrigerator; and

providing access to the refrigerator web page from a web browser external to the refrigerator to permit a user of the web browser to access the user interface functions for the refrigerator through the device web page.

54. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 53, wherein the step of generating a refrigerator web page includes the step of generating an HTML file that defines the refrigerator web page in response to an HTTP command received from the web browser.

55. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 54, wherein the HTTP command specifies a URL corresponding to the refrigerator.

56. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 54, wherein the HTML file contains at least one of (1) a set of information pertaining to the refrigerator, (2) a set of URLs that control a set of predetermined functions for the refrigerator wherein each URL may point to a web page located internal to the refrigerator, and (3) a hyperlink to an external web page that specifies additional information pertaining to the refrigerator.

57. (Previously Presented) A user interface method for a device that is a washing machine comprising:

generating a washing machine web page within the washing machine, wherein the washing machine web page provides a set of user interface functions for the washing machine, wherein some of the user interface functions enable control functions of the washing machine; and

providing access to the washing machine web page from a web browser external to the washing machine to permit a user of the web browser to access

the user interface functions for the washing machine through the device web page.

58. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 57, wherein the step of generating a washing machine web page includes the step of generating an HTML file that defines the washing machine web page in response to an HTTP command received from the web browser.

59. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 58, wherein the HTTP command specifies a URL corresponding to the washing machine.

60. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 58, wherein the HTML file contains at least one of (1) a set of information pertaining to the washing machine, (2) a set of URLs that control a set of predetermined functions for the washing machine wherein each URL may point to a web page located internal to the washing machine, and (3) a hyperlink to an external web page that specifies additional information pertaining to the washing machine.

61. (Previously Presented) A user interface method for a device that is a disk drive comprising:

generating a disk drive web page within the disk drive, wherein the disk drive web page provides a set of user interface functions for the disk drive, wherein some of the user interface functions enable control functions of the disk drive; and

providing access to the disk drive web page from a web browser external to the disk drive to permit a user of the web browser to access the user interface functions for the disk drive through the device web page.

62. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 61, wherein the step of generating a disk drive web page includes the step of generating an HTML file that defines the disk drive web page in response to an HTTP command received from the web browser.

63. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 62, wherein the HTTP command specifies a URL corresponding to the disk drive.

64. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 62, wherein the HTML file contains at least one of (1) a set of information pertaining to the disk drive, (2) a set of URLs that control a set of predetermined functions for the disk drive

wherein each URL may point to a web page located internal to the disk drive, and (3) a hyperlink to an external web page that specifies additional information pertaining to the disk drive.

65. (Previously Presented) A user interface method for a device that is an oscilloscope comprising:

generating an oscilloscope web page within the oscilloscope, wherein the oscilloscope web page provides a set of user interface functions for the oscilloscope, wherein some of the user interface functions enable control functions of the oscilloscope; and

providing access to the oscilloscope web page from a web browser external to the oscilloscope to permit a user of the web browser to access the user interface functions for the oscilloscope through the device web page.

66. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 65, wherein the step of generating an oscilloscope web page includes the step of generating an HTML file that defines the oscilloscope web page in response to an HTTP command received from the web browser.

67. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 66, wherein the HTTP command specifies a URL corresponding to the oscilloscope.

68. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 66, wherein the HTML file contains at least one of (1) a set of information pertaining to the oscilloscope, (2) a set of URLs that control a set of predetermined functions for the oscilloscope wherein each URL may point to a web page located internal to the oscilloscope, and (3) a hyperlink to an external web page that specifies additional information pertaining to the oscilloscope.

69. (Previously Presented) A user interface method for a device that is a spectrum analyzer comprising:

generating a spectrum analyzer web page within the spectrum analyzer, wherein the spectrum analyzer web page provides a set of user interface functions for the spectrum analyzer, wherein some of the user interface functions enable control functions of the spectrum analyzer; and

providing access to the spectrum analyzer web page from a web browser external to the spectrum analyzer to permit a user of the web browser to access the user interface functions for the spectrum analyzer through the device web page.

70. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 69, wherein the step of generating a spectrum analyzer web page includes the step of generating an HTML file that defines the spectrum analyzer web page in response to an HTTP command received from the web browser.

71. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 70, wherein the HTTP command specifies a URL corresponding to the spectrum analyzer.

72. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 70, wherein the HTML file contains at least one of (1) a set of information pertaining to the spectrum analyzer, (2) a set of URLs that control a set of predetermined functions for the spectrum analyzer wherein each URL may point to a web page located internal to the spectrum analyzer, and (3) a hyperlink to an external web page that specifies additional information pertaining to the spectrum analyzer.